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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

~~In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,~~

Applicants hereby call the following information to the Examiner's attention:

In an International Search Report, dated July 17, 2001 for counterpart International Application No. PCT/JP01/03671, the following documents were cited:

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-12957 A (Omron Corporation), which was published on January 21, 1994, along with an English language Abstract of the same, was cited as an X-Category document (i.e., document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone) with respect to claims 1, 2, and 8 of the International application. This document was also cited as a Y-Category document (i.e.,

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document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art) with respect to claims 3, 5, and 9-12 of the International application. Further, this document was also cited as an A-Category document (i.e., document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance) with respect to claims 4, 6, 7, and 13-15 of the International application;

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. SHO 55-115233 A (NEC Corporation), which was published on September 5, 1980, was cited as a Y-Category document with respect to claim 3 of the International application;

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-283884 A (Nippon Chem-Con Corporation), which was published on October 7, 1994, along with an English language Abstract of the same, was cited as a Y-Category document with respect to claim 5 of the International application;

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-13077 A (NEC Corporation), which was published on January 16, 1998, along with an English language Abstract of the same, was cited as a Y-Category document with respect to claim 9 of the International application;

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Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 2-39059 B2 (Matsushita Electric Works, Ltd.), which was published on September 4, 1990, was cited as a Y-Category document with respect to claim 10 of the International application;

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-340729 A (Mitsubishi Electric Corporation), which was published on December 10, 1999, was cited as a Y-Category document with respect to claim 11 of the International application;

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-219650 A (Matsushita Electric Works, Ltd.), which was published on August 10, 1999, was cited as a Y-Category document with respect to claim 12 of the International application; and

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 3-28636 (Matsushita Electric Works, Ltd.), which was published on March 22, 1991, was cited as an A-Category document with respect to claim 8 of the International application.

Applicants note that the above-listed Japanese publications are being submitted together with an English language Abstract of the same.

Further, Applicants call the following document, which is discussed on page 1 of the specification of the instant application, to the Examiner's attention:

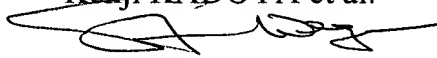
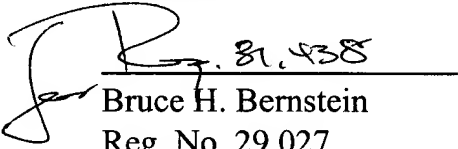
Japanese Utility Model Publication No. HEI 7-23877, which was published on May 31, 1995. Applicants note that this document is discussed on page 1 of the specification of the instant application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure the consideration of this document. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure the consideration of the submitted materials.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

1	English Language Abstract of JP 6-12957.
2	English Language Abstract of JP 55-115233.
3	English Language Abstract of JP 6-283884.
4	English Language Abstract of JP 10-13077.
5	English Language Abstract of JP 2-39059.
6	English Language Abstract of JP 11-340729.
7	English Language Abstract of JP 11-219650.
8	English Language Abstract of JP 3-28636.

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